

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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Acorns on the Ground

We may find it hard to believe that this coming Sunday, December 20th, is the last Sunday in Advent. It is referred to as Christmas Sunday because it is the last Sunday before Christmas.

What is it you want for Christmas this year? Is there some special item that you are hoping to receive?

We all enjoy getting Christmas gifts but it is still very true that it is more "blessed to give than to receive". God knew all about this gift giving business on that first Christmas. After all, God is the one who started it in the first place.

The book of Galatians records these words written by Paul: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his son." (NRSV)

Isn't it wonderful that God loved the entire world so much that God gave the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. God continued to give through out the entire life of Jesus by his ministry, death and resurrection. We truly serve a loving God.

Have a Wonderful and Merry
Christmas and
Happy New Year
Love,
Reverend Randy and Cheryl Burke



OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2009



December Birthdays

Nita Aber	8
Cody Pitts	11
Gene Pratt	11
Sarah Huey	13
Bethany Poling Yates	13
Pat Hodde	14
Sue Harrison	16
Lida Crump	17
Wayne Cox	20
Roman Belmarez	21
Susan Parker	21
Gale Clawson	22
Jessie Heath	23
Imogene Flott	24
La Morris Bonner	31
Oliver Harrison	31

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.



December Anniversaries

Johnny and Cindy Murphy	19
Art and Kathy Pintsch	22
Richard and Evelyn Lineberger	24
Al and Patsy Gonzales	30



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Bread Sunday	7 Monday Night Ladies Bible Study	8 PRAYER CIRCLE 9:30 a.m. CWF - 10:00 a.m. Make Christmas Baskets Board Mtg 7:00 p.m.	9 Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	10 NO Pastor's Bible Study	11 Church Office Closed SNOW!!!	12
13 Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata "Journey of Promises"	14 Monday Night Ladies Bible Study	15 CWF - No Mtg.	16 Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells - 6:00 p.m.	17 NO Pastor's Bible Study	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 Church Christmas Party Children's Program and Live Nativity	21	22 CWF - No Mtg.	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHT SERVICE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 Terry's Crafters	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29 CWF - No Mtg.	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	31 NEW YEARS EVE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	31

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in December. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

Terry's Crafters

"Terry's Crafters" will meet 2:00 p.m. in Kirchner Hall December 13 and 27.

Church Office - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
832.729.1598 - Cell
713.983.0717 - Home



Oaks Christian Church Christmas Party and Live Nativity December 20, 2009

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 2009 7:00 p.m.



Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study - Pastor Randy's Bible study will start again in January 2010.

Smile
Jesus
Loves
You!



Announcement, Friendly Reminders, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report



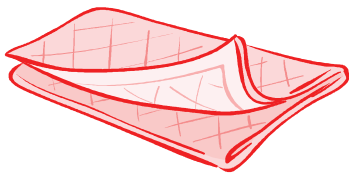
Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Remember Bread Sunday January 3, 2009



Friendly Reminder:

Christmas Eve Service will be held in the Sanctuary so remember to dress warmly and bring a blanket so we will have a cozy Christmas Eve Service.

December 27 we will have Service in Kirchner Hall due to the heat being out in the Sanctuary until January.



The Oaks Family Christmas Tree

Friendly Reminder: It is not too late to bring a family or individual ornament for The Oaks Family Christmas Tree in Kirchner Hall.



November Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of November	Sunday School	Church Attendance
November 1	23	55
November 8	24	63
November 15	18	61
November 22	22	66
November 29	21	51
TOTALS	108	296

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	September	October	November
Deposits	8,575.00	7,551.92	8,801.22
Disbursements	(12,024.44)	(11,510.25)	(11,621.27)
Difference	(3,449.44)	(3,958.33)	(2,820.05)

The shortfall each month is being funded from the Capital Improvement Fund - Year to Date we have transferred \$19,882.86 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Operating Fund to cover expenses.

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Bound Together in Love



FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information
Contact**

**Billie Murray
(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

Toothpaste, washing
powder, shampoo, de-
odorant, baby diapers,
sugar, flour and can
goods.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**

Board Happenings - *Albert Green, Board Chair*

Friendly Reminder:

Executive Board Meeting
for the month of
January will be
Tuesday, January 5, 2009,
6:00 p.m.

and
General Board Meeting
will be Sunday,
January 10, 2009
after church.
Thank you.

